



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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Department Name: Planning and  
Development  
Department No.: 053  
For Agenda Of: 12/13/11  
Placement: Administrative  
Estimated Tme: N/A  
Continued Item: No  
If Yes, date from:  
Vote Required: Majority

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Department: Planning and Development  
Director: Glenn Russell, PhD., Director (568-2085)  
Contact Info: Doug Anthony, Deputy Director, 568-2046  
Development Review Division – North County  
**SUBJECT: Tompkins New Agricultural Preserve Contract, Santa Maria area**

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**County Counsel Concurrence**

As to form: Yes

**Auditor-Controller Concurrence**

As to form: No

**Other Concurrence:** N/A

As to form: No

**Recommended Actions:**

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. Approve the creation of one new prime Agricultural Preserve Contract (Case No. 11AGP-00000-00018) as follows:
1. Determine the project is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15317 included as Exhibit 1 of this Board Letter, dated December 13, 2011;
  2. Execute an agreement, included as Exhibit 2 of this Board Letter creating Agricultural Preserve, 11AGP-00000-00018; and,
  3. Adopt a resolution, included as Exhibit 3 of this Board Letter creating Agricultural Preserve, 11AGP-00000-00018.

**Summary Text:**

The proposed new Tompkins Agricultural Preserve contract (11AGP-00000-00018) would be a prime preserve consisting of one, 155.84-acre legal parcel consisting of two APNs 129-120-031, and -039), in

the Santa Maria Valley, Fourth Supervisorial District. The parcel is planted with 154.35 acres of snap peas, lettuce, and broccoli and 1.49-acre well site. No structural development is located onsite. The parcel is currently zoned AG-II-40 under the Land Use and Development Code. On November 4, 2011 the Agricultural Preserve Advisory Committee reviewed 11AGP-00000-00018 and determined the creation of an agricultural preserve is consistent with the Uniform Rules.

**Background:**

Government Code §51200 (known as the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 or the Williamson Act) provides that local jurisdictions may establish an agricultural preserve program having the goal of retaining land in an agricultural use. The County of Santa Barbara has adopted such a program, which is codified under the Uniform Rules for Agricultural Preserves and Farmland Security Zones. Both the County's Uniform Rules and the Government Code provide that agricultural-preserve contracts between the County and landowners are voluntary. Therefore, there are no state mandates associated with this program.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

Budgeted: Yes

There are no fees associated with creation of agricultural-preserve contracts. The total estimated cost to process this agricultural preserve contract is approximately \$2,768.00 (15 staff hours), and is budgeted in the Permitting and Compliance Program of the Development Review North Division, as shown on page D-316 of the adopted 2011/2012 fiscal year budget.

**Special Instructions:**

Clerk of the Board shall distribute copies of the recorded contract (with legal description and vicinity map) and Minute Order, as follows:

- David Villalobos, Planning and Development Department, Hearing Support
- Florence Trotter-Cadena, Planning and Development Department
- Assessor's Office
- Surveyor's Office
- Clerk Recorder's Office
- Owner: 2617 Clark Ave LLC, 684 Higuera Street, Suite B, San Luis Obispo CA 93401

Pursuant to Government Code Sections 65355 and 65090, a notice shall be published in at least one newspaper of general circulation. The Clerk of the Board shall mail a notice to property owners within 300 feet of the project, including the real property owners, project applicant, and agencies expected to provide essential services shall be done at least 10 days prior to the hearing (Government Code Section 65091).

Planning & Development will prepare all final action letters and otherwise notify all concerned parties of the Board of Supervisor's final action.

**Exhibits:**

1. CEQA Exemption for Agricultural Preserve
2. Agricultural Preserve Contract
3. Resolution Creating Agricultural Preserve
4. Legal Description and Vicinity Map

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